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OTTAWA VIEW ON FARM LABOR PROBLEM PRESENTED *Canadian Seed Growers Hold Annual Sessions*

PRODUCTION HIGH QUALITY SEED IS INCREASING NOW

Increase Is In Seed for Crops
in Demand for War
Effort

AIDING DOMINION

Association Helps Implement Program—Tighten Disease Regulations re Registered Crops

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.—In spite of severe wartime handicaps, including shortage of labor, production of high quality seed in Canada is greater, on the whole, than it was last year. Such, in brief, was the substance of reports made to the fortieth annual meeting of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association here late in June.

The yield of high quality seed wheat and oats is about the same as last year, with barley, flax and soybeans showing some increase, while a considerable increase is shown in production of seeds of carrot, lettuce, mangel, onion, Swede, tomato and hybrid corn. The latter group indeed reached an all time high production; and H. G. L. Strange, chairman of the publicity committee, points out that the crops which have increased in production are those which are particularly in demand because of Canada's war effort.

From All Provinces

Delegates from all the Provinces attended the meeting. It was felt that a meeting of the Association this year was essential, in spite of the difficulties of the times, in order to assist the Dominion authorities charged with implementing the Canadian program for obtaining sufficient high quality seeds.

Reports and technical papers, connected with seed production and processing, proved of much value.

Plant Diseases

The special committee that is investigating plant diseases recommended that regulations governing disease in registered crops should be gradually tightened, particularly with respect to those diseases for which control methods are now available. The delegates approved the committee's suggestion that in future Foundation and Elite stocks would have to be treated against disease by the seed grower in accordance with the recommendations of the Association. It was also decided that the producer of these stocks must either treat any seeds he offers for sale by recommended methods, or must notify the purchaser that such seeds should be treated before sowing.

A special committee was set up to look into the possibility of the registering of flax crops grown principally for fibre purposes.

Commandos Awaiting Zero Hour



To spearhead the invasion of Axis-held islands and the European mainland is the task of the commandos. Here Vice-Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Chief of Combined Operations, talks to the men whose duty it is to lead the attack—naval beach commandos, rugged men of the Royal Navy, in army clothing, trained in all the tactics of close-in fighting. Many of them have had battle experience in raids from Norway to St. Nazaire, in France.

CAN PLAY BIG PART

The co-operative movement could play an important part in restoring stable economic conditions in Europe after the war, and in speeding up relief work of all kinds, R. A. Palmer, vice-president of the International Co-operative Alliance, told an important meeting of British scientists recently.

Several speakers stressed the special importance, in these times, of sowing good seeds; farmers could now hardly afford not to have the very best seed obtainable, it was pointed out.

President of the Association is E. L. Eaton, Upper Canada, N.S. Honorary Vice-presidents from Western Canada are T. J. Harrison, of the Board of Grain Commissioners, H. G. L. Strange, Searle Grain Co., Winnipeg (who formerly farmed at Fenn, Alberta), and F. W. Townley-Smith, Lashburn, Sask. Directors include two men from Alberta, A. M. Wilson, Edmonton, and H. P. Wright, Airdrie, who is president of the Provincial organization.

SEE PROMISE NOW IN MOBILITY OF LABOR GROWING

Seek Effective Use of Farm
Labor and Harvest
Machinery

CONTINENTAL BASIS

Correspondent Describes Ministers' Presentation of Man-power Policy

By M. McDUGALL
(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)
OTTAWA, June 30th.—There is promise for the future in the increasing mobility of farm labor, according to officials of the Agricultural Department here. The movement from West to Eastern Canadian farms, to help in harvesting winter grain and hay, will be reciprocated later in the summer, and the combines harvester trek has started from Kansas and will move northward through the Central States to the Prairie Provinces. This northerly movement through the grain belt of the continent is a sensible, businesslike arrangement, which following the relative time of maturity of crops makes the most effective use of machinery. Canada's farm belt, which stretches from East to West, doesn't offer the same opportunity for reciprocity between the Provinces, but to the extent that it is feasible through exchange of farm labor, it is part of the country's agricultural policy.

Mr. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, dealing with the manpower question in the House of Commons, said that the young men who left the farms to join the armed forces did so from a sense of duty to their country and he doubted if any form of regulation from Ottawa would have prevented them. At the same time the production of the farms of Canada in the fourth year of war was greater than could have been prophesied at the beginning of the war. The main thought of farmers in Canada at this time was to do everything within their power to help the war effort.

Government's Defence re Manpower

The Government's manpower policy, including the farm labor program, has been subjected to a pretty severe barrage of criticism from members of the Opposition in the Commons. The Government's point of view on the farm labor situation as explained by the Minister of Labor, Mr. Mitchell, and others on the Government side of the House, may be briefly summarized. In the early part of the war, before restrictive measures were introduced, several hundred thousands left the farms in all parts of Canada to join the armed forces and take employment in war industries.

It is agreed that there is a farm

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Co-op Financed by Interest-Free Loan

Backed by an \$85,000 interest-free Government loan, the Fraser Valley Fibre Flax Co-operative have started work on their processing plant at Surrey, B.C.

Henry Kaiser of boat-building fame has announced that he will make a car that will sell at \$400 after the war.

Out of a total population of 1,600,000 New Zealand has 160,000 men and 10,000 women in the armed services; and despite this, production has shown large increases.

Cost of production plus 10 per cent for farmers, "the same as for industry" was advocated by president Wm. Bryce in his annual address to the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture last week.

Southern Alberta Dairy Pool Has Most Successful Year . . .

Butter production passed the million pound mark, and there was continued, substantial progress during the last financial year, by the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool. Together with increased volume, net surplus earnings were correspondingly increased, making the year the most successful in the history of the Pool. These highly satisfactory results were revealed at the annual meeting of the Pool held in Calgary June 17th. The delegates showed high appreciation of the work done by the Directors, Management and Staff.

Reviewing in a general way the operations of the organization, the board of directors' report was presented by the president, William Burns, of Three Hills. Gratification was expressed at the brighter outlook in the war, and confidence in final victory; at the same time, listeners were reminded that Canadians must be prepared for many hard days yet to be lived through.

Operations More Difficult

War conditions had made operations more difficult, said Mr. Burns. "The numerous regulations imposed by your Government, in its efforts to maintain the ship of state on an even keel and stop inflation, have, by their very nature, entailed more work and expense in the methods of doing business," he said. It had been necessary on occasions during recent months to

operate the plants short-handed.

Returns made to shippers by the Honey Department, opened last year, were so satisfactory that it was expected the department would be run to full capacity this season. An initial payment is made when the honey is received and graded at the plant; as the season advances a second and a final payment may be made.

With the coming into being of the Alberta Poultry Producers, the egg and poultry assembling departments of the Calgary plant had been discontinued; at Acme, the Pool plant receives and assembles eggs and poultry for the Provincial organization. The Pool is selling agency in Calgary for Alberta Poultry Producers.

Speaking of after-war prospects, Mr. Burns said, "I cannot see that the end of the war is going to change

human nature over night. The same motives that actuate us now will be at work when this war finishes.

"Those of you who think the world should be a better place in which to live cannot do better than push the co-operative movements. The co-operatives, as we have them today, are far from perfect. As I see them, they are one step in the right direction towards making economic conditions, as they exist for the farmer, more bearable. The progress may be slow, but, if those interested stay with their ideal through good times and bad times, the progress is sure."

Appreciation was expressed for the services of C. E. Christensen, general manager, C. Toppenberg, manager, and of all members of the staff. Mr. Burns added his personal thanks to the members of the Board for their encouragement during the year.

The financial report was presented by W. F. Reid, auditor, who was tendered a vote of thanks for his detailed explanations and replies to questions of delegates.

Manager Surveys Operations

C. Toppenberg, in his manager's report, presented a full, comprehensive survey of the Pool's operations.

Production records showed a steady increase during recent years, to the record figure of upwards of a million pounds of butter for the year ended January 31st last, as mentioned above. So far, the current year, Mr. Toppenberg stated, had maintained this trend.

Despite steadily increasing manufacturing costs, net surplus earnings were the highest of the past six years; these were in some measure due to earnings other than those derived from butter manufacture itself. Costs on several items, such as transportation, had been reduced, and the larger volume had of course considerably decreased the cost per unit of fixed charges, such as depreciation, insurance, taxes and interest.

The reduced costs for transportation had been effected, Mr. Toppenberg explained, largely through the bigger loads the Pool's own six trucks had been carrying, and also through improved handling of this fleet. He appealed to patrons to see that their cream was all shipped in their own trucks, as only the most essential routes, operated economically, could be expected to be permitted to operate in times of gasoline and rubber shortage. Appreciation was expressed of the growing percentage of cream shipped by train.

Increased Operating Costs

Most of the supplies and repairs required in conducting the Pool's business had gone up in price, said Mr. Toppenberg, and some very considerably; details were given in a number of cases. Much more working capital had been made necessary by the payment of subsidies, as the Pool had to pay these in cash, awaiting reimbursement until reports could be filed with the Government. The taking of contracts for supplying military establishments also meant that at times large amounts of money were tied up in accounts receivable.

With the addition of new lines of business, and continuous increase in others, heavy demands had been made on key men in the staff; the Pool was fortunate, said Mr. Toppenberg, in having in its service men and women who were capable and enthusiastic in the performance of their duties. Progress was the result of combined efforts of a great many people, both in the plants and offices, truckers and fieldmen, directors and delegates, and the producers who had loyally stood by their organization.

Directors Elected

Election of directors for districts No. 2 and No. 4 resulted in the re-election of T. H. Bond, Priddis, and Mr. Burns. These, with the continuing directors, J. H. Rhodes, Brant, A. G. Butler, Bottrel, and J. E. Blore, Craigmyle, make up the board. Mr. Burns was re-elected president, Mr. Blore is vice-president, and Mr. Rhodes secretary.

Most Mechanized Farming Country in Europe

With the double purpose of increasing food production and of reducing manpower employed, mechanization of British farms has increased at a rapid rate during the war. Today England is the most highly mechanized farming country in Europe. Big tractor works that had contemplated closing down early in 1939 were given Government contracts to produce to capacity; farm machinery has also been brought in from Canada, Australia, the U.S. and elsewhere. The pre-war tractor force of 50,000 has been more than doubled, 7,000 of them being owned by the Ministry of Agriculture, to be rented out to farmers who need them most.

Congratulations on the Pool's fine progress were brought by F. J. Fitzpatrick, supervisor of co-operative activities for the Provincial Government. Speaking of reserves, he emphasized the fact that these belong to the members and commended the revolving door plan. In a survey of co-operative enterprises in Alberta, he said that seventy retail stores were in operation, the largest (apart from the Dawson Creek store, whose business was now drawn largely from non-members) being the U.F.A. store in Calgary.

Evening Banquet

About seventy guests, including the staff of the Pool, enjoyed the banquet given at the Renfrew Club in the evening, when William Burns presided in characteristically happy style. Following the toast to the King, proposed by Mr. Fitzpatrick, greetings from the sister organization, the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, were brought by Geo. K. MacShane, who expressed the hope that 1943 would be an even more successful year than 1942.

Robert Gardiner spoke of the part (Continued on page 15)

A Guarantee of Fair Dealing

Take the grain co-operative organizations out of the picture in Western Canada and what does the farmer face? He faces a virtual grain monopoly; or, if not a monopoly at least he must deal with a few great firms since the grain business, like most other business, is passing into fewer and fewer hands. Control is becoming more and more centralized in the hands of powerful forces. The farmer as an individual would have to bargain with these forces on even poorer terms than he used to bargain as an individual with grain dealers in the old days. He drove a mighty poor bargain back in those pioneer years.

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Minister to Canada



One of the men who had a hand in the shaping before the war of the first international wheat agreement has been named by President Roosevelt as the next U.S. Minister to Canada. He is Ray A. Atherton (above), a high ranking diplomat of the Republic. Atherton deserted architecture for diplomacy, and has served in London, where he was an adviser to the pre-war international naval conference. He took part in the shaping later of the first international sugar agreement. He will succeed the late J. Pierrepont Moffat.

Joint Committee to Integrate Chinese, U.S. Co-operatives

Post-War Trade, Medical Co-operative Aid, Included in Plans Agreed On

By LIONEL PERKINS for Co-operative League News Service
NEW YORK. — At a recent meeting marked by the receipt of a congratulatory cable from H. H. Kung, Minister of Finance of China, Chinese and American co-operative leaders here have organized a joint committee to consider present and post-war integration and development of co-operatives. Dr. James P. Warbasse, president emeritus of The Co-operative League of the U.S.A. and Dr. M. S. Shaw, president of the Co-operative League of China, were elected co-presidents. Howard A. Cowden, president of the Consumers Co-operative Association; Roy F. Bergengren, managing director of the Credit Union Nat'l Association; and Ezra T. Benson, executive secretary of the National Council of Farmers Co-operatives, were asked to serve as vice-presidents.

Vital Post-war Problems

Problems of post-war trade relations, education, finance and medicine were incorporated into the plans of this association, which has been named the Chinese-American Co-ordination Committee for Co-operatives. Co-operative leaders throughout the U.S. were nominated to special functioning committees. Those attending the meeting from China included: Dr. Kinn-Wei Shaw, secretary general of the Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations; Dr. Wousaofong, a member of the editorial board of *Free World*; Shih-Chi Hu, secretary of The Co-operative League of China; Mr. Chiang-Chi, special commissioner of the Ministry of Economic Affairs of China. Those attending from the U.S. were: Dr. James P. Warbasse, Dr. Horace Kallen, professor of philosophy at the New School for Social Research; Dr. James Drury, professor of marketing at New York University; Miss Dora Maxwell, organization director, Credit Union National Association; E. Stanley Grant, a trustee of Rochdale Institute; Dr. Maurice William, author of "Social Interpretation of History"; Lionel Perkins, Registrar of Rochdale Institute; and Wallace J. Campbell, assistant secretary of the Co-operative League of the U.S.A.

"Saved the Day"

Alberta and Saskatchewan had "saved the day" in collection of scrap metals last year, declared Charles LaFerle, director of National Salvage, to a meeting of Canadian mayors and municipal officials in Ottawa, recently. Canadians generally were too complacent about the salvage situation, and he urged that every citizen should make himself a "garbage collector". Progress in the fats salvage campaign was still too slow, said the speaker.

Grocery Department in Drumheller to Be Opened by U.F.A. Co-operative

New Expansion of Farmers' Co-operative Services in Drumheller Valley

Marking an important new development in the business of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, Ltd., in the Drumheller Valley, a new grocery department will be opened within the next ten or twelve days at the premises of the Co-operative in the Central Motors Building, Drumheller.

Final arrangements for the store were completed by Norman F. Priestley, General Manager of the Co-operative, early this week. James Gray, who has had the advantage of three years' training and experience in co-operative business practice, in the grocery department of the U.F.A. store in Calgary, has been appointed to take over the new department in Drumheller.

Growingly Important Factor

The U.F.A. Central Co-operative has been a growingly important factor in recent years in the extension of the co-operative handling of farm supplies in the district. For some years past, it has been operating a wholesale and retail business in Maple Leaf petroleum products from leased premises in the Central Motors Building. In the spring of 1941, in response to the request made by delegates of several U.F.A. Locals in the district who met to consider the expansion of co-operative services, it decided to open a feed business, and after some delays due to war-time regulations, a start was made in this field in the spring of 1942, in the same building. In addition to carrying on the feed business, the Co-operative stores sell other lines of farm supplies, such as posts and heavy hardware, this business being carried on by the operator of the service station, G. S. Gammie. In the summer of 1942 a third of the building was rented to the Alberta Poultry Products Marketing Board, which later turned over its commercial activities to Alberta Poultry Producers, Ltd., who are now in business in these premises.

In February, 1943, the U.F.A. Co-operative purchased the bankrupt stock of Foodland Store, and they have since become the successors in business to W. C. Revitt of the Wye Groceries, the outcome, after war-time delays, being the opening of the new grocery department.

Forms Marketing Centre

The Central Motors Building, situated on Second St. and Railway Ave., forms a natural farmers' marketing centre, providing as it does, from the one building, for distribution on a co-operative basis of petroleum products, groceries and feed, and for the services of the co-operative poultry marketing organization.

Joe: "Is your wife economical?"
Blow: "Occasionally. She had only 24 candles on her thirty-fifth birthday cake."

Cowboy—What kind of a saddle do you want—one with or without a horn?

Dude—Without a horn, I guess. There doesn't seem to be much traffic on these prairies



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ANDREW DAVISON, Mayor.
J. M. MILLER, City Clerk.

Reports from Eastern Canada show a growing demand for farm work horses, states Hardy E. Salter, of the Canadian Percheron Association. Horses wanted by eastern farmers are sound, gentle, well broken. During the spring, about 125 head of horses have been shipped out of Calgary each week, chiefly to the East. Prices range from \$90 to \$125.

Gasoline shortage in Britain has cut the number of private automobile licenses from 3,000,000 at the beginning of the war to 250,000.

Visitor—My, what pretty hair you have, little girl. You get it from your mother, don't you?
Little Girl—I guess I must a' got it from Daddy; his is all gone.

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A.F.A. CONVENTION

Since the last Annual Convention of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture was held, great progress has been made in the building up of our Provincial unit of the Dominion-wide organization—the C.F.A. We have no doubt that the convention to be held in Lethbridge on Thursday and Friday, July 22nd and 23rd, will prove to be the most important since the Provincial Federation was formed some years ago.

Many of the details of the program are not yet available; but the fact that Donald Gordon, head of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, will be one of the guest speakers, will provide the opportunity for a more thorough-going examination of the whole problem of wartime controls and price regulation and subsidies, as these affect Agriculture, than has hitherto been possible in Western Canada.

Mr. Gordon is responsible for those policies. The interchange of information and views between himself and the representatives of the farmers' primary and commercial organizations in Alberta should prove mutually profitable.

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FINE YEAR'S RECORD

Reports presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool make it clear that the last year under review was the best in its history.

The results achieved are highly creditable, and must be gratifying, alike to the president and board of directors and management, and to the members without whose loyalty to their own organization the record in production could not have been made.

Both in the reports and in the addresses made by fellow co-operators and friends of the movement at the business session and at the banquet, stress was laid upon the importance of building up ample reserves from earnings, to fortify the Pool in order that it may be in a position to cope with whatever economic conditions may arise in the industry in years ahead.

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COMMUNITY CAMPS

Four Community Life Conferences and Camps are being held in Alberta this year. These summer gatherings have been developed by the University Department of Extension—in combination with such local enterprises as

the Gooseberry Lake conferences instituted by U.F.A. associations—and they are becoming increasingly significant factors in the life of the Province.

In pleasant surroundings, with facilities for bathing and boating, fishing and camping, the conferences offer programs of addresses and panel discussions on current problems, educational and entertainment films, and the opportunity to meet people from all parts of the various districts served.

The Gooseberry Lake camp will be held July 14th to 18th, and will include meetings of the Consort District Co-operative, the Alberta Livestock Co-operative, and the Coronation Constituency U.F.A.; the Lake Saskatoon camp is being held June 30th to July 4th; the Sangudo camp will be held July 20th and 21st, and the Lake St. Vincent camp—July 10th and 11th. Guest speakers will include Dr. Geo. Dykhuizen of the University of Vermont, Donald Cameron and S. Hillerud of the Department of Extension, and lecturers on household problems from the Department of Agriculture.

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A VITAL CONFERENCE

Farm people of this Province have special reasons of their own for interest in anything that concerns the Canadian Association for Adult Education. Its director, Dr. E. A. Corbett, is a former Albertan. He had many contacts with rural Alberta during the years which he spent in this Province as director of the Department of Extension of our University, and he never misses an opportunity to come back to meet old friends.

To all of these (and they are many in every walk of life), to our readers who have come to appreciate Radio Farm Forum, as well as to every citizen who is alert to the pressing need of our time for a new approach to the problems of social and economic organization, the report of the recent Conference of the C.A.A.E. in London, Ontario, as published in *Food for Thought*, will prove of exceptional interest. They will agree, after reading it, that, in Watson Thomson's words:

"... the great event of the London Conference was a decision which, in effect, implies a radical transformation and extension of the structure and functions of the C.A.A.E."

Dominion Day, 1943

Dominion Day—Another milestone passed.

And Canada, a nation young in years, Now in a mighty role is boldly cast To share the world's bath of blood and tears.

Her founders' faith in this momentous hour

She vindicates by rising strong and free To add the strength and glory of her power

To freedom's cause by air and land and sea.

Dominion Day—Before it dawns again May peace be won and passion all be spent,

And Canada in councils of great men

The ties of world brotherhood cement. Full stature now is hers—All childish things

She puts away and soars on full-spread wings.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

This decision, by the way, we know accurately reflects the views upon the function of adult education which Mr. Corbett himself has consistently held throughout the years of his activities in this field.

"The challenge came through, clear and unmistakeable," writes Watson Thomson, "in the Presidential Address of Dr. Sidney E. Smith. The C.A.A.E. was at the cross-roads. Either it had to admit and implement its responsibilities, in this day of world-crisis, by going out to the people of Canada with a broad, dynamic program of public education for the winning of the War and the Peace; or it would become one of war's casualties because the swift-moving life of our times would find its existence unnecessary."

Again, Mr. Thomson points out, the Conference testified "that, as for us, social change—radical social and economic change—is not something to be feared. Neither is it something to be promoted from the standpoint of any sectional interest. It is something to be demanded and fought for in the interest of the fulfilment of the deepest principles and the highest hopes by which men of goodwill are sustained. Such a stand is obligatory upon men and women to whom adult education is not just a job and a technique, but a passionate preparation for a new society more worthy of the best of human desiring and of human sacrifices in war and peace."

It is significant that the Manifesto expressed unanimity. It recognizes the necessity for social controls and planning as an expression of social responsibility. We ourselves are of the opinion that the implementing of these controls in the spirit of the Manifesto as a whole, would inevitably establish co-operation and public ownership as the dominating principles in our economic life.

"Food for Victory" Slogan for Calgary Stampede

Dedicated to "Quality Food Production for Victory and Freedom," the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede, to be held from July 5th to 10th inclusive, has been planned this year to be representative of Canada's mighty effort in the field of production for war, particularly in the field of Livestock and Agricultural products.

Increase in Livestock

That the object of the Directors and Management in this respect is likely to be achieved is demonstrated by the large increase in entries in the livestock classes—the total passing all records since 1929. There are 321 more entries than last year, the increase being marked in almost every class, with swine entries doubled.

"Advance sales and the interest which has been shown would make me believe that if we have good weather we should have a record exhibition this year," Manager J. Charles Yule informed *The Western Farm Leader* this week. "Driving north and south I've found the stock remark to be, 'I'll see you at the stampede', and never heard a man say he would not be in. Every inch of our pavilion space will be taxed to the utmost, and we have gone out of our way to get the best platform attractions, because we feel that the people will benefit by a few days' relief from strain and be all the better to perform their duties as citizens in the war-time days; while for the large number of service men who are in our midst the occasion will be a memorable one. There are indications that the number of visitors from the States will be greater this year than last; and from our own Province and the West generally we expect a particularly large attendance during a week which provides thousands of farmers with a good holiday."

Armed Forces Co-operating

The Armed Forces are again co-operating with the sponsors of the Exhibition, and five Air Force bands of No. 4 Command, totalling 150 members, will parade through downtown Calgary on Monday, at midday, following the big Stampede parade, and again at noon on successive days of the week. The Stampede will be officially opened by Brigadier Harvey on Monday afternoon.

In the afternoon performances some 500 cowboys will compete. New cowboy sports will feature track events, including Pony Express races, stake turning races, and cart races, while Roman standing races promise an exceptional attraction. Each evening will open with chuck wagon races, and the attraction on the grand stand will be entitled "Allies Victorious". The Midway will have many new features.

Comparative totals of entries in the livestock classes for 1943 and 1942 are as follows, the figures for 1942 being given in parentheses: Horses 243 (173); cattle, Shorthorns 92 (65), Herefords 94 (77); Aberdeen-Angus 35 (42); Holsteins 126 (86); Ayrshires 132 (88); Jerseys 114 (102); sheep 147 (119); swine 180 (90).

Send Leader to Members

On motion of E. M. Brown, M.L.A., the annual meeting of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool voted unanimously to send *The Western Farm Leader* to all shippers. Mr. Brown paid a tribute to *The Leader*, stating that it had given great services to the movement.



U.F.A. Will Launch Membership Drive End of This Month

**Intensive Campaign Planned from
July 26th to August 7th
Inclusive**

To be launched Monday, July 26th, and continuing until Saturday, August 7th, an intensive membership drive will be carried on by the United Farmers of Alberta throughout the Province. All branches of the organization—the U.F.A., the United Farm Women of Alberta, and the Junior U.F.A., will participate.

Because of the difficulties of travel due to war-time conditions, (restrictions on gasoline and rubber being among the most important), responsibility for the carrying on of the drive will rest mainly with the Locals and district associations, whose members will be asked to give of their time and energy in order that a thoroughly effective organization to canvass their own areas may be set up, and the canvass carried on systematically.

If Every Member Gets Two or Three

In a letter to officers and members, President Robert Gardiner declares: "We believe that if every officer and members of our Locals undertook to get even two or three new members, we would not only have as large a membership as we have had for some years, but be considerably above that number. In recent years our experience has been that the farmers are quite willing to join a farm organization, but they have to be asked to do so. For some reason they do not volunteer, but if asked they are quite willing to make application for membership. Under these circumstances it should be quite possible for our members to secure a number of new members without any great effort and practically no expense."

In order to assist the Locals in building up their own local financial strength, it has been decided by the Executive that Central Office will accept 50 cents for each membership sent in after the first twenty-five in any Local have been enrolled. This will assist the Locals in defraying any expenses incurred in connection with the drive.

Agriculture and Post-war World

"We are of the opinion," states Mr. Gardiner, "that as the war proceeds and we come nearer to the day of victory when consideration will have to be given to the terms of peace, and the conditions under which agriculture will operate when the war is over, it is advisable that as farmers we begin to give consideration to these matters in order that when peace finally comes we will be prepared to see to it that



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the industry of agriculture shall occupy its proper place in the economic structure, which will be developed when the war is over.

"The U.F.A. Local offers an efficient medium through which discussion of these vital agricultural problems can be carried on. It is therefore important that we strengthen our Locals through increased membership, in the hope that by our own efforts we will

secure the economic and social standing which the importance of the industry of agriculture merits. If we all do our part in this drive, it will not cause very much work for any of us."

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General Manager Reports On Year's Operations . . .

Pointing out that the enlargements of the business of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool which have taken place involve additional financing, Ellis A. Johnstone, General Manager of the Pool, in his report to the Annual Convention at Alix, suggested that this year and next year preparation be made for future conditions, by taking advantage of present values to improve the current position of the Pool. He believed that the enlargements were on a sound basis, and would have an increasingly beneficial effect upon the business of the Co-operative.

Physical assets of the Pool, Mr. Johnstone pointed out, showed an increase last year of \$51,185.48, and plants finished the year in better physical condition than at the beginning. He gave detailed figures of production and sales which were summarised in the report of the Convention in our last issue.

In the course of his report Mr. Johnstone stated:

General Conditions.—Nothing in itself is of more importance to people producing any product than that of values. In your farm operations, if the outlook for say wheat prices is indeed very poor, a good percentage of you will give more time and attention to the production of other products from which there is likely to be a more satisfactory return.

So it is with the production of butterfat. On every farm you have a business organization. You are producing goods, in ordinary times, for civilian consumption. At this time part of your production goes to keep alive people thousands of miles away and the balance is used here at home. Your work, therefore, now, is possibly even more important than in many previous years. Values, therefore, are likewise possibly more carefully studied than before.

We have a record of the average return f.o.b. the farm, before final payments, of butterfat for churning purposes. It goes back to 1936, which was 20.6c per pound butterfat. In 1942 it was almost 30c, standing at 29.6c. In addition to that there were the final payments. These figures

indicate that values have increased 50 per cent and in addition there is a Government subsidy on the butterfat for churning purposes at the present time of 8c a pound and on butterfat for condensing of 25c a hundred pounds, excepting in the summer months. Therefore the overall return is very approximately 75 per cent higher than in 1936. The same applies to the production of butterfat for condensing purposes. It shows a similar favorable improvement. This increase in values, while substantial, is not too high to give producers a fair return.

Two Things Fairly Evident.—If we were to make any prediction on the future, we would say that to us two things seem fairly evident. One is that our Government is very likely to recognize in a practical way additional increases that you might have in costs of production and of course if they recognize it in a practical way, that will mean that as your production costs increase, the values for your products will likewise improve. The second point which seems evident to us is that the production of primary products, and particularly dairy products, is going to be given more recognition after this war than before it, and we would therefore be keenly disappointed if the value for primary products such as butterfat for any use ever sinks to pre-war levels. We are sure they will not, if we as producers will stay organized or improve our present organizations. We shall mention more about this particular point later on in this statement.

Physical Assets.—Now for your physical assets. You have the figures in front of you on these and you also no doubt have read, or most of you have taken the time to read, the yearly statement which was sent out. It indicates that on physical assets there was an increase last year of \$51,185.48. In addition to that, while we have not made all the improvements at our plants that we possibly should have, a fairly full maintenance program was carried out and we believe that your plants finished the year in a little better physical position than they opened the year in.

We are anticipating, also, that our Board's policy will continue to be one of approving of full and satisfactory maintenance, which in our opinion is the only wise way to operate. During the year 1942 your Board did not add any new plants to the number we operated in 1941 and so a comparison of 1942 business with 1941 will be possibly more on a parity than in some preceding year in which we either disposed of some of our assets or added others.

Production Record.—Your plants in 1942 handled more goods than in any previous year; our increase overall being 23.8 per cent, the province showing an increase of 4.7 per cent. Might say, however, that our butter plants did not show as good an increase as our Condensery. This same condition maintained in 1941 and it is rather hard to adequately judge just the relative state of production one year with another because each year a considerably number of our members who previously had produced butterfat for churning purposes change to producing butterfat for condensing but it is all in the organization and any changes of this sort are quite satisfactory.

Sales During Year.—We have mentioned before that it is rather an erroneous procedure to figure our progress in sales dollars. The truer basis of course is a basis of units handled and if we were to take that

Executive Re-elected

All members of the executive of the C.A.D.P. were re-elected at a meeting of the Board following the Annual Convention. These members are: President, George K. MacShane, Red Deer; Vice-President, G. E. Morrison, Nevis; Secretary of Board, J. A. Wood, Elnora.

figure, of course, it shows an increase in 1942 of 23.8 per cent over 1941. However, the dollars of turn-over is interesting. In 1942 this amounted to \$2,307,304.69, compared to \$1,568,906.69 in 1941, \$1,052,516.75 in 1940, and \$923,398.06 in 1939. Our business in sales dollars in 1943, we expect, will be about the same as it was in 1942. Values for butterfat have been reduced somewhat because a subsidy has been instituted in place of further increases in sales prices. We might also mention in passing that our sales on egg and poultry products in 1942 showed a total of \$187,754.64 as against \$114,362.66 in 1941.

Perhaps before going on to the next point we should mention something about the butter sales. We have had no difficulty in making the sales of this product. The percentage of No. 1 butter made out of total receipts by our plants in 1942 was quite a bit above the average for the province. Our Bentley branch had the highest percentage of No. 1 this year, standing at 93.6 per cent, Alix second with 92.7 per cent; Red Deer third with 84.1 per cent, and Bowden last with 79.2 per cent. The average for the province was 84.1 per cent.

On condensed milk, we are still manufacturing evaporated milk under our own label, Alpha Brand, and also making under three private labels, Brimfull, Cherub, and Red & White. In addition, we are manufacturing evaporated milk for the Borden Co. under their own formula and for the Pacific Milk Co. under their formula. Our production in 1942 at the condensery increased materially and no difficulty was experienced in finding a ready market for the plant's production.

Our Public Relation Activities.—(As reported in a passage which was printed in full in our last issue, Mr. Johnstone, under the heading of "Our Public Relation Activities", invited members to send in items of interest for the C.A.D.P. section of *The Western Farm Leader*, with whom the Pool had a satisfactory

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Canadian Association for Adult Education Issues
Manifesto

Setting forth in a positive way its views "upon those basic issues of human principle which underlie the social and economic and spiritual problems of our times," the Canadian Association for Adult Education, in Annual Convention recently at London, Ontario, issued the seven-point Manifesto which we print below. The Association declared its intention to seek the co-operation of all individuals and organizations who are in agreement with the principles of the Manifesto, in "formulating and executing a whole-hearted campaign of public education directed towards the winning of a people's war and a people's peace."

Two Hundred Delegates Unanimous

The Manifesto, which was adopted by unanimous vote of more than 200 delegates from all parts of Canada, reads in full as follows:

The Canadian Association for Adult Education, confronting the challenge of world events, in its Annual Convention of May, 1943, desires to affirm its own stand in regard to the basic issues of the crisis and to call upon all interested individuals and groups to share with the Association the urgent educational task of creating and strengthening those attitudes and understandings upon which a new Canadian and world society can be founded.

The C.A.A.E. believes that in this day of total war and total challenge, academic aloofness and neutrality are not enough and that it is obliged to declare itself categorically upon those basic issues of human principle which underlie the social and economic and spiritual problems of our times.

The C.A.A.E. therefore affirms its adherence to the following principles:

Total and Mutual Responsibility

(a) The principle of total and mutual responsibility—of each for all and all for each—both as between persons and as between nations. This must be made operative even towards the criminal or under-privileged individual and the guilty or underprivileged nation.

(b) Social controls and planning are a necessary expression of this sense of social responsibility. Planning need not necessarily involve governmental ownership of, control over, or active interference with, economic enterprises. Nevertheless it is probable that the area of public ownership and control should be extended in those enterprises most essential to human welfare, and where

individual enterprise is unable or unwilling to operate in the public interest. It is still more desirable that the area of voluntary co-operative activity in every field should be increased.

(c) Human beings are ends not means. Planning must be combined with such local and community participation and democratic vigilance as to prevent the regimentation and frustration of the human personality. Social efficiency and social security are not ends in themselves but are for the sake of human dignity and personal fulfilment.

Efficient Service Should Determine Status

(d) Efficient service to the community, and not social privilege, financial power or property rights, should determine the status of the individual.

(e) The greater importance of consumption over production as the determining factor in economic activity must be re-asserted: Consumption goals, such as meeting decent standards of nutrition and housing, should be the main incentive of economic life.

(f) Social goals take precedence over individual and sectional purposes of profit or advantage. This principle asserts itself in time of war and must be maintained for the winning of the Peace. Great collective purposes of social security, world nutrition, slum clearance, reforestation, soil conservation, etc., are emphatically necessary as binding forces uniting our people, motivating economic life, and giving dynamic content to planning and to the effort after full employment.

Voluntary Co-operation

(g) Neither the old individualism nor the newer mass-collectivism but a relationship of voluntary co-operation, which balances rights with responsibilities, is the basic pattern of the emergent social order. Such a relationship of voluntary co-operation has a place for central planning and control as well as for the legitimate liberties and enterprises of the individual. In the international sphere it supports the obligations of a collective system for defence and for the maintenance of world peace.

The C.A.A.E. will seek the co-operation of all individuals and organizations who endorse these principles in formulating and executing a whole-hearted campaign of public education directed towards the winning of a people's war and a people's peace.

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arrangement. He continued):

Your Dairy Pool is also actively associated with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, a Dominion-wide organization of primary producers. The Canadian Federation is recognized by the Dominion Government as the mouth-piece for producers in Canada and they are serving the producer well. In each Province there are one or more Provincial organizations which are associated with the Dominion-wide organization.

For instance, in Alberta we have the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, of which Mr. Lew Hutchinson, a director of the Alberta Wheat Pool, is President, and Mr. E. W. Brunsden is Secretary. Associated also with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture is the Dairy Farmers of Canada. This is an organization of dairy producers in Canada. Mr. C. E. Christensen of the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool in Edmonton and Mr. R. H. M. Bailey, Secretary of the Edmonton District Farmers' Co-operative, are Alberta directors. This organization deals with dairy farmers' problems.

How Every Producer Can Support Federation.

—Unquestionably, we are very wise in supporting the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, and all members of our co-operative are joining in the cost of this support, which is not much when carried by us all together, and those farmers who are not supporting it are likewise getting the benefits. This might be a good opportunity to suggest again that every producer of dairy or egg and poultry products in this area should be a member of our organization and join in the support of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. As mentioned previously in this report, the stronger we make our co-operative organizations such as your own Dairy Pool, and likewise the greater strength we give to organizations like the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the more recognition will be given your problems by our Government.

There is one other item that we should also mention under this heading and it is this: Our Provincial Government has created an exclusive egg and poultry co-operative. It was

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organized to serve on a Province-wide scale and effective the first of June this year our co-operative is working with them. This Provincial organization has capable management and we are anticipating that it will do a good job.

Conclusion.—Our relationship with sister co-operatives in this district and in the Province is good. Your

management has continued to enjoy the friendship and assistance of every operating head of these co-operatives and it is the policy of your Board as well as your management that nothing be done at any time which might prejudice such a very satisfactory condition. We also appreciate the advice and service we get from our legal

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DURING STAMPEDE WEEK

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WAR DIARY

June 17th.—R.A.F. bombs Cologne, other Rhineland targets; 15 aircraft lost. Allied fleet said massing at Gibraltar. U.S. airmen shot down 77 Jap planes over Guadalcanal Wednesday. Britain has fleet of invasion craft built secretly, far inland, states London report. Russia will aid creation of "strong and independent Poland", says Stalin.

June 18th.—Wavell made Viceroy of India, to assume office in fall, Auchinleck commander-in-chief of forces in India. Nazi raiders start fire in London; R.A.F. bombs objectives in Northern France. Allies attack Naples from air. Nazi attacks repulsed north of Orel. Chinese encircle Jap stronghold at Owchihkow. Chungking charges Jap slaughtered 10,000 civilians and wounded soldiers at Nansien, on Tungting Lake.

June 19th.—U.S. heavy bombers raid points on Sicily and Sardinia, shoot down 39 enemy planes, following night attack by R.A.F.; 8 Allied aircraft lost. Russians take offensive in Orel sector. Since beginning of war 4,198 enemy planes destroyed over Britain.

June 20th.—R.A.F. makes heavy attack on Schneider armament works at Le Creusot, France, three bombers missing. Air Ministry says over thousand acres of Duesseldorf in ruins after June 11th raid. Russian airmen bomb Nazi bases behind Orel front. Japs capture Russian merchant ships in north Pacific, is Washington report. King George views Tunisian battlefield.

June 21st.—R.A.F. bombers hammer Friedrichshafen, 3 fail to return. Moscow states 276 Nazi planes downed last week for Russian losses of 94. Nazi radio declares Allied fleet assembling off Syrian coast. Netherlands church leaders join in protest Nazi sterilization of Jews. Britain has built 900 warships during war. About 50 Nazi submarines destroyed in last two months, says London newspaper.

June 22nd.—Nazis are bankrupt of victory, after suffering defeats in Russia and North Africa, states Moscow radio on anniversary of German attack; "second front this year" in Europe "will speed victory and save many victims." More than 700 R.A.F., R.C.A.F. planes bomb Krefeld, U.S. bombers attack Recklinghausen, motor plant in Antwerp; 44 British, 20 U.S. aircraft lost. Fires burn in Naples from yesterday's air attack. Salerno bombed by night and by day. King George in Malta. Giraud, De Gaulle, retain command of own armies, committee to work on unification of all French forces. Wavell says aims in India are removal Jap threat and social and economic development.

June 23rd.—Mulheim heavily bombed by R.A.F., R.C.A.F., 36 planes lost. From reports received Washington estimates R.A.F., R.C.A.F. raids and sabotage in France have been immobilizing about 200 trains daily. All persons in concentration camps in North Africa, at time of Allied invasion, now freed, says Algiers report.

Hope to Pay for Refinery Within Year

Officials of Midland Co-op. Wholesale (Minneapolis, U.S.) hope to pay for their new oil refinery and to finance other undertakings at a total cost of \$1,000,000 within a year. It is proposed that member co-operatives contribute \$500,000, individual members \$250,000, and that the remaining \$250,000 may come out of earnings.

June 24th.—R.A.F. bombers complete round trip England to Africa, raiding Friedrichshafen en route, La Spezia on return trip. Sardinia and Sicily bombed. Over 15,000 tons bombs dropped on Germany in past month by R.A.F., R.C.A.F. British submarines sink 13 enemy ships in Mediterranean. U.S. submarine sinks Jap U-boat. Nazis have execution camp in East Poland where Jews are suffocated to death in steam chambers, with capacity of 7,000 daily, state underground Polish reports. U.S. casualties to date 87,304, including 15,132 dead.

June 25th.—R.A.F. raids Wuppertal "in great strength", 33 bombers missing; 17 of "large force" U.S. bombers lost in raids on northwest Germany. Berne reports 4 or 5 millions evacuated from Ruhr. Allied airmen attack Salonika, also targets on Sicily and Sardinia. King George returns to England.

June 26th.—Bochum and Gelsenkirchen heavily bombed by R.A.F., R.C.A.F., 30 planes missing. U.S. destroyed 100 enemy fighters to loss of 37 bombers in last two raids over Germany, is announced. More than 100 heavy U.S. bombers hammer Messina. Moscow charges Nazis killed 1,000 patients in mental hospital, tortured and killed 248 in Kupyansk, during occupation. Crews of six Nazi submarines mutinied in northern port, is report from Norway.

June 27th.—R.A.F., R.C.A.F. raid western German targets, for eighth consecutive night, one bomber lost. Five bombers, 7 fighters, lost in U.S. forays over France. 238 Allied aircraft lost in week's raids over western Europe and Mediterranean, 200 enemy planes downed. Goebbels rages against "vandalism" of North American airmen in raids on German cities. Italian fleet is on the move, says Spanish report. Conditions have been created for final defeat of common enemy, Stalin declares in message to Roosevelt. Seven raids on Kiska reported, making 16 in three days.

June 28th.—U.S. bombers attack targets in France. R.A.F. fighters sink two enemy ships, beach third, off Netherlands coast, one plane lost. Unconfirmed reports that U.S. battle-ships have joined Royal Navy in Mediterranean. Russians take Finnish position in Karelian isthmus. Nazis have moved 50 divisions from Russian front to strengthen western defences, is report from underground sources. Two Allied merchant ships sunk in western Atlantic.

June 29th.—Large R.A.F. force bombs Cologne, Hamburg; 25 bombers missing. U.S. bombers attack Leghorn, return to North African bases without loss. Berlin claims British cruiser sunk by Nazi submarine in Mediterranean. British mines have sunk at least 400 Axis vessels during war, is official estimate. Resignation of Boisson, Vichy governor of French West Africa, reported. Akyab target of heavy bombing. Wavell says India "immeasurably stronger" than two years ago. Chinese state 30,000 Japs were killed or wounded in Upper Yangtse actions.

June 30th.—Heavy fighting in Mediterranean and other areas "within next few months" prophesied by Churchill; says full aid to be given against Japan; June best month of war in Battle of Atlantic; 30 enemy submarines sunk during May. Riots in Greece ruthlessly suppressed by Nazis; followed Allied air raids and

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STAMPEDE PLANS

CJCJ, for years the radio location for all the Stampede features of the airwaves, will be on the job again this year to serve the large audience that can't attend in person.

Plans have been completed to broadcast the parade, the feature race each day, the Chuckwagon races, the Indian shows in front of the Royal Hotel, the children's show on Friday morning and the presentation of the prizes and concluding remarks on Saturday night.

So if you can't attend the big show this year you'll know that the "special events" department of CJCJ will be on the job for you with Don MacKay elected to provide the "walkie talkie" picture of what's happening in Calgary's big 1943 Stampede.

The Morning Patrol, with an open accent on marching music and a decided mark of interest in discussing the "who's who" among Calgary's business firms, is now on the air as the opening feature for each day of broadcasting. Frank Eckersley has been elected to answer the first call of the alarm clock each morning and will be tossing that "time signal" out your way every three minutes. Frank, stepping out of school for the summer, has stepped right into the saddle of radio and will be riding the airwaves throughout the summer months coming out of chute No. 1230 with a mike in one hand and a big bundle of program continuity in the other.

School of Religion Will Meet in July

The Alberta School of Religion will meet at Fairweather Camp (just outside Calgary) July 20th to 29th, announced Rev. H. M. Horricks, of Medicine Hat. Among visiting lecturers will be Dr. Paul Hutchinson of Chicago, editor of *The Christian Century*, and Francis Vipond of Francis, Sask.

Show Labor Saving Devices

OTTAWA, June 30th.—About 40 farm labor-saving devices will be shown at Dominion Department of Agriculture exhibits at the Calgary Stampede and other Class A summer fairs. Many of these have been originated by farmers.

dropping of leaflets quoting Roosevelt's hope Greece will soon be freed. Eden urges Mussolini accept surrender terms. Allied bombers hammer both ends ferry service between Sicily and mainland. Entire Mediterranean now open to Allied shipping. Russians make local gains northwest of Moscow. U.S. begins invasion island in Solomons group, near Jap base of Munda.

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Problem of Farm Wages

By E. W. BRUNSDEN
Secretary Alberta Federation of
Agriculture

The Bureau of Statistics has released some illuminating figures dealing with the rates of wages for farm labor in the various Provinces of the Dominion.

These figures are based in the present daily rates, with and without board, and on a monthly basis, also with and without board. In three of these four brackets, Alberta shows the highest figures, and in the fourth, the daily rate without board, our own Province is second only to British Columbia.

Per day with board, the Alberta 1943 rate is given as \$2.89, an increase of 86 cents over last year and \$1.35 over the Bureau's figure for 1941. Expressed in other terms, the average increase in wages for day farm workers in the last two years in this Province, is 190 per cent.

Highest in Canada

The monthly rates with board, shows as in the case of the daily worker, that the regular Alberta farm laborer, hired by the month is the highest paid in all Canada. The Bureau's 1943 figure is \$61.84 per month for Alberta. The comparable 1941 average was \$35.42. The farmers of this Province who board and pay their hired help on monthly bases therefore, are paying approximately 175 per cent more to that help than they were two years ago.

This Alberta monthly with board labor rate of \$61.84 is also \$10.00 per month higher than the Dominion average. It is \$6 higher than Saskatchewan's, \$16 higher than Manitoba's and \$11 more than Ontario's.

These very substantial increases in the costs of farm labor, without question, have been brought about by keen competition among the farmers themselves for the available labor supplies. There has been bidding for labor, district against district, and farmer against farmer. Obviously, labor has capitalized on this situation.

The unfortunate circumstance is that whatever he may have to pay for his labor, the farmer is limited by the Federal Government's price ceiling policy with respect to the prices he shall receive for his products. True, some price level adjustments have been made to encourage added production of certain commodities, and excepting wheat, wool and possibly eggs, farm commodity prices are higher than for some years. Notwithstanding this improved condition, however, and because on most farms labor costs are a substantial part of the annual outlay, the pyramiding of these costs contributes to the prohibition of any general economic improvement in the farm position.

The claim has been advanced by many farmers that there should be a ceiling on farm wages. That would be extremely difficult to enforce. A ceiling on wages would not be difficult to get around; certainly no more difficult than the practice at present current (it is hoped among only a relatively few farmers) of enticing labor with the promise that no deduction will be made from wages for income tax purposes. In this case the more conscientious employer is penalized. He loses his labor. A wage ceiling, in my opinion, would not solve the rising wage problem.

Agreement Could Do It

What would solve it, is an agreement among the farmers themselves as to what constitutes a fair wage in these days of 1943 and a commitment by them that they will pay no more. This might not have been possible earlier but now, through the community and zone "Farm for Victory" Committees, it can be done. The machinery has been provided.

This machinery should not be used, of course, to unduly batter down farm wages. The farm laborer also has a case in this matter; for too many earlier years many a man worked for

much too little. But an increase of 175 per cent in two years simply does not add up. If today's wages are justified, then those of 1941 were unfair and the rates prevailing in years prior to 1941 were scandalous. Somewhere along this line there must be a rate fair to both the worker and the employer. It appears the farmers will have to get together and decide where that rate properly will be placed.

The National War Labor Board (U.S.) has ordered equal pay for negroes and whites doing the same work.

CO-OPS' FREEDOM FUND

"The 1944 Freedom Fund" has been launched in Britain to assist the rebuilding of Europe's co-operative movement as soon as the Nazis are overthrown. The Co-operative Union (British) has recommended that local societies contribute on the basis of 1 shilling-per member.

A mutual aid scheme was drafted by a committee set up at the Co-operative Congress, in Britain, to help societies adversely affected by war conditions.

The U.S. over-all war program set early this year amounted to \$106,000,000,000—an increase of 80 per cent over the total for 1942.

Good Neighbors Ready for Joint Enterprises

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Co-operatives of Canada stand ready to join co-operatives of the U.S. on projects of technical petroleum research, lubricating oil refining and farm machinery manufacture, declared H. L. Fowler, manager of the Saskatchewan co-op refinery, at the 17th annual meeting of Midland Co-operative Wholesale.

"I've no sympathy for a man who beats his wife," the big, red-faced man announced.

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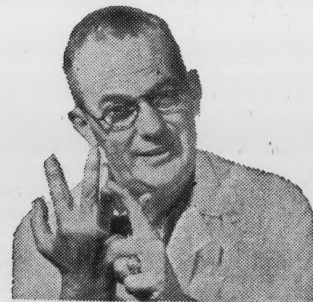
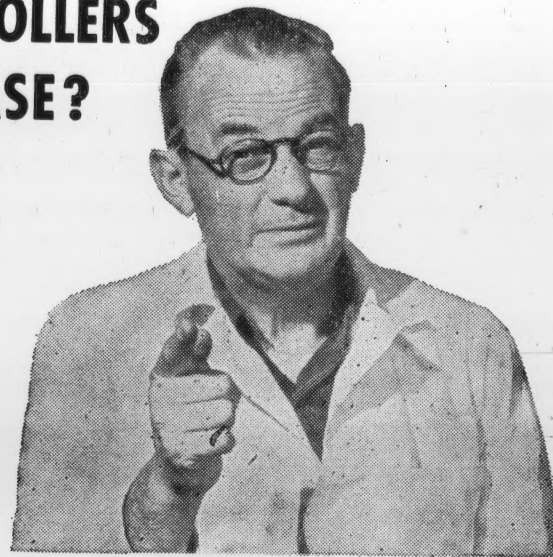


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Interests of The United Farm Women

On A Rainy Sunday Afternoon

Warwick Farm,
Edgerton, Alberta.

Dear Farm Women:

"Thoughts on a Rainy Sunday Afternoon" might well be the heading of this letter—and possibly not very profound ones at that.

Probably many of you experienced the same sort of day, although it seemed that the tremendously heavy showers were in a sense local. We always feel that we should never murmur because of a rainy day. Too many years we have found ourselves lacking in a sufficient amount of moisture to make for a successful yield and harvest of crops. Yet, as in everything else, we pay the price and the price of rain is that it sometimes comes at most inconvenient times for other things. Many a plan must be altered and while the plan may not be of moment, for the time being we are disappointed.

Two Opportunities Lost

I must confess that it was with that feeling of disappointment I was wakened to the announcement that it was pouring and that there would be no church today. No, please do not misunderstand me. Perhaps the fact that I was going to miss the church service should have been. But it was not that which grieved me. It was rather that the service was to have been at our home and there was such a wealth of flowers I wanted to share the beauty. Another opportunity for their giving pleasure had had to be missed two days previous. One of the women speakers from the Department of Agriculture who is holding meetings to help us women in some of our new problems of housekeeping, had had to have her meeting cancelled on account of the condition of the roads.

The garden, however, was showing the effect of an abundance of snow

during the winter and rain this season and was at what will probably be the season's best. It was not a display of rare and exotic flowers, but of flowers we know and enjoy for their associations as well as for their beauty.

Beauty and Fragrance

The picture with its fresh green foliage seemed to be largely in yellows and lavenders, and the yellow and green of the carragana hedge seemed a fitting frame for one side of it. The iris in their varied combinations of purple and yellow, marched up from the gate. Groups of sweet rocket made effective patches of color against the trees. In the foreground the humble chives, which are useful in the kitchen garden as well, repeated that same shade. However, the gay blossoms of the yellow Iceland Poppies and the white and yellow daisies—the old field daisies of our childhood to many of us—made for brightness in the picture. The lilacs and the honeysuckle added both in beauty and fragrance to it.

In all, it made such a pretty picture I wanted people to be able to sit on the verandah and enjoy it. In fact, possibly you may be able to understand why I preferred that form of acquaintance with the garden rather than a too familiar, too intimate one, for weeds flourish as well as flowers when there is abundance of moisture.

A Poem to Read and Re-read

But there were things I enjoyed today after all. Some purely personal, but some I am sure many of you shared. One was from the issue of this paper which came in last night. It was Isa Grindlay Jackson's poem "Alaska Highway". Get it and re-read it if you happened to be in a hurry when you looked over the paper the first time. It gave a hint of the picture of conditions in connection with the

Farm Home and Garden

Spinach should be washed first in warm water, then in cold. Lift the spinach out of the water, never pour water off spinach. Young celery tops or young onion tops, cooked with spinach, are a delicious addition.

Canning Without Sugar: Fruit may be canned in water instead of syrup without in any way affecting the ease of canning, the keeping quality of the fruit, or the wholesomeness of the product. Follow the usual method, but allow five minutes longer for the canning than that usually given.

Sausages and Apple Waffles: Prick and parboil sausages for 5 minutes, then bake in moderate oven for 25 minutes, turning several times. Remove sausages and keep hot; pour off all fat but about 2 tablespoons, add 2 tablespoons flour and stir in 2 cups milk. Stir until thick and smooth, then season with salt and pepper. Serve with waffles made from a plain waffle recipe to which is added 1/2 cup grated, tart raw apples.

More Food in Summer: is required by growing children, since the long days and freedom from school usually make for very strenuous outdoor activity. In addition to energy-giving foods, calcium is required to make bones—and the faster the growth, the more calcium. Milk is by all odds the best source of calcium; for this and other reasons every child should have more than a pint of milk each day.

Overalls wear longer if washed frequently as perspiration, grease and dirt weaken the fabric.

Fat for Salvage: should be kept in a cool place, as it loses half its glycerine content if allowed to go rancid.

Turnip Greens with Herbs: Wash young turnip tops; put a layer in heavy pot, sprinkle with salt, add more greens and more salt until all are used. Cover tightly and cook over a slow fire *only* until greens are wilted. (Over-cooking brings out bitter flavor.) Season with melted butter or cooking oil in which chopped chives, a pinch of marjoram and thyme have been steeping.

highway today, and also a thought of what it may mean in the future. I hope it goes to a wider reading public than to those of this one paper.

Another thing which gave me pleasure and which also gave a picture of things as they are today and hinted at what might be in the future, was Harry Adaskin's talk. Did you hear him in the intermission of the Sunday Afternoon Symphony Concert talking of a musical career today and what its possibilities might be? In case you have not, I shall comment on it another time.

With best wishes to you all for your gardens—both your flower and vegetable. May they make a real Victory Garden!

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

CORRECTION

The farewell party for Donald and Vernon Vestrum, reported in our last issue, was held in Beddington Community Hall and given by the Beddington district.

A "Grandmothers' Day" has been planned by Rainier U.F.W.A. for one of their meetings.

Clyde U.F.W.A. was recently organized by Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Wm. Lyons. Elected to office were Mrs. Nellie Beaton and Mrs. Edith MacLachlan.

Meeting in the morning of the day of their meeting, members of Stettler-Warden U.F.W.A. quilted three quilts for the Red Cross.

Raffle of a "White Elephant" at each meeting of Conjuring U.F.W.A. provides funds for flowers and fruit for sick people. This Local is protesting the amount of sugar allowed for canning.

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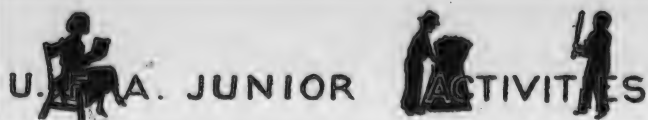
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Looking Back on Our Convention

Balzac, Alta.

Dear Juniors:

To those of us who were privileged to attend this year's Farm Young People's Week at the University, the high-light of the week was the Saturday night, when we gathered in Convocation Hall to celebrate the 25th birthday of our organization.

There is probably not another young people's organization, at least a farm young people's organization, that can look back on twenty-five years' activity without a break, despite a world-wide depression and now a world war.

Mr. Donald Cameron, Director of the Department of Extension, who has been in charge of the Junior Conference for a number of years, gave us a synopsis of the history of the organization since its formation in 1919. He mentioned some of the amusing incidents that happened during that time. One of these was the year that a 40-piece brass band came up in a body to the conference and insisted on leading the group with a stirring march whenever they marched to the various buildings.

Greetings were read, and in some cases given personally from various ex-Presidents and Vice-Presidents.

Mrs. Irene Parlbry, of Alix, who was most instrumental in forming our organization, sent a stirring message and best wishes.

Finally, Mr. Brown, who has helped direct every conference, showed lantern slides of different groups from 1920 to 1928. The change in costumes, especially those of the girls, was very entertaining.

Miss Jessie Montgomery, who has directed the girls since the beginning of the week, gave us some of her reminiscences.

A. E. Ottewell, former Director of Department of Extension, also spoke briefly.

Altogether it was a very enjoyable evening and to top it off, you guessed it, we had a dance.

Yours fraternally,
O. KEITH ROSENBERGER,
First Vice-President,
Junior U.F.A.

ONE OUT OF THREE

One out of every three children in the U.S. goes to school hungry, asserts Dr. E. V. McCollum, nutrition expert. Poverty is not the cause in all cases, this authority citing as other causes wrong foods, emotional upsets, finicky appetites, and over-fatigue.

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Conference Resolutions

In resolutions passed at the recent Junior U.F.A. Conference, held during Farm Young People's Week, the delegates reaffirmed their belief in the principles of democracy and continued support of the war effort. Other resolutions asked that agriculture be represented on the Postwar Reconstruction Board and that youth organizations also be represented; called for an increase in sugar beet acreage and increased rations of sugar for those who have quantities of home grown small fruits which may be wasted unless sugar for canning is made available; asked the Extension Department to continue research into ways and means of improving the high school curriculum and that co-operative principles be included; urged erection of plants for making synthetic rubber from wheat; asked that farm boys in the services, in training in Canada, be released for harvest; expressed the view that three weeks was not long enough to train students for farm work; asked more government assistance for calf clubs; agreed to put on a warble fly campaign next spring; and protested against the recent drop in the bonus on butterfat and in the price of butter.

Successful U.F.W.A. Conference Is Held, Bow River District

Urging farm people to build up their farm organizations and so strengthen the Provincial and Canadian Federations of Agriculture, Robert Gardiner, U.F.A. President, addressed the annual conference of the U.F.W.A. in Bow River constituency, held in Knox Church, Calgary, recently. Neither Federation is open to individual membership, he explained, but is composed of farm organizations; the Alberta Federation of Agriculture having more than forty farm organizations affiliated with it. The C.F.A., maintaining a central office in Ottawa, is able to make representations to the Government, at short notice, on any matter affecting the farm people.

Rev. A. R. Huband gave an address on the Beveridge plan; Mrs. Fairy Walker, of Calgary, in her address of welcome, paid tribute to the leadership given by the farm women's organization; and Mrs. Frank Harback pronounced the invocation.

Asking that women in public service receive equal pay with men, for equal work, a resolution was passed unanimously. It was agreed that next year's conference be held on the second Thursday of June, to avoid conflicting with University Week for Farm Young People.

Over a hundred delegates were present, representing Beddington, Balzac, Carstairs, Crossfield, Dalemead, Conrich and Calgary U.F.W.A. Locals. Reports of secretaries, on activities and achievements of their Locals, were given by Mrs. Hugh Bushfield,

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Dalemead Local (which has also the largest membership in the constituency, with 39 members) won the handicraft contest. A bazaar table yielded almost \$4 for the Prisoners of War Fund.

An enjoyable musical program was provided by Mrs. W. T. Hobson and Lawrence Hobson, Allen Barker, Mrs. R. F. Cook, Miss Hawitt, Mrs. Clayton, Gladys Sheales.

Mrs. W. L. Barker, constituency director, presided, and Mrs. A. P. Shuttleworth was re-elected secretary.

One minute's silence was observed in memory of the late Richard Price and the late George Banner.

"An Improvement I Plan in the Garden This Year" was the roll call at a recent meeting of Arrowwood U.F.W.A.; there was a paper on gardening, and seeds, bulbs and roots were exchanged. At another meeting,

the roll call was on Home Nursing Hints, and papers were read on new discoveries in medicine, and a new treatment for osteomyelitis.

Asking that Hutterites should not be permitted to buy or lease any more land in Alberta, a resolution was passed by the last meeting of Eclipse U.F.W.A. (Clive).

Starline U.F.W.A. (Claresholm) decided at a recent meeting to sponsor a demonstration on Home Dehydration, and invite other organizations to attend.

"The number of Juniors is again climbing up to last year's total of 69," writes Jack Baldwin, secretary of Balzac Junior U.F.A., "and a drive is on to see if this can be increased, although a number have left us and joined up." At the last meeting it was decided to ask Mr. Gordon Huggard to coach the Local's team for the annual sports day.

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ALBERTA WHEAT POOL CROP REPORT of June 26th

Grain crops in Southern Alberta are in a precarious condition due to continued dry weather. Temperatures have been moderate during the week, but high winds accelerated evaporation of moisture and contributed considerably to a sharp decline in condition. There are some local exceptions, as sporadic showers brought temporary relief to a few scattered localities. Moisture is adequate and crops in a very healthy condition in the district south of Lethbridge near the international boundary and also in the Calgary area, but over the major portion of the south, soaking rains are urgently needed. The dry area generally, lies south of a line from High River to Compeer on the Saskatchewan border.

In Central and Northern Alberta moisture ranges from sufficient to excessive. In many places water is standing in low spots in the fields. The only exception is the north-eastern part of the Peace River district where additional moisture will be needed soon. Crops are in a healthy condition but the season is very late and warm dry weather is needed to advance development.

The condition of wheat has declined 3 per cent in the past week and now stands at 92 per cent as compared with 99 per cent a year ago. Drought in districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 has caused declines of 5 to 10 per cent. District 3 is now lowest at 77 per cent. The crop is also rated slightly lower this week in some northern districts due to weather conditions which have further retarded normal development and the danger of early fall frosts becomes a factor to be taken into consideration. Oats and barley are given a rating of 94 per cent and 95 per cent respectively. Last year at this time both grains stood at 98 per cent. Flax and rye are both much below normal. Flax appears to be patchy and rye is suffering from the effects of winter and drought in southern Alberta. Flax is 86 per cent and rye is 84 per cent as compared with 99 per cent and 93 per cent respectively a year ago.

Wheat Position

Stocks of Canadian wheat in visible supply are now 402.9 million bushels.

C.A.D.P. SECTION (Continued from page 7)

counsel, Mr. J. E. Brownlee, and from our auditors, McCannel Brothers. You have already heard from our auditor. We would just like to say that we have received good service from our bankers and we have always felt free to discuss any possible changes in our business with them. Unquestionably, we have received sound counsel and courteous treatment from them.

We cannot close this statement without referring also to the co-operation we have received from the Departments of Agriculture and Trade and Industry in Edmonton, and their affiliated offices and officers.

Preparing for the Future.—We must admit that we do not know what the future holds for us. All we can say is that we should endeavor to prepare for whatever may come, and if we were to make an observation with respect to the financial side of our business, we would say that this year and next year, if present reasonable values for butterfat maintain, our co-operative should take advantage of them and further improve our current position. Our business has been enlarged and any enlargement takes additional finances. At the same time, if our enlargements are on a sound basis, and we believe they are, then this enlargement program will have an increasingly beneficial influence on the business fields that we are presently interested in.

Six important resolutions passed by the C.A.D.P. Convention will be published in our next issue.

Livestock Market Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, June 30th.—Prices are holding firm on an active market. Good to choice butcher steers are \$11.50 to \$12.25, common to medium \$10.25 to \$11.25; good to choice butcher heifers \$10.75 to \$11.50, common to medium \$9.50 to \$10.50; good cows \$9.25 to \$9.75, common to medium \$7.50 to \$9; canners and cutters \$5 to \$7; good bulls \$9 to \$9.85, common to medium \$8 to \$9; good to choice veal calves \$12.50 to \$13.50, common to medium \$10 to \$12 with good stocker and feeder steers \$10.25 to \$11, common to medium \$9 to \$10. Hogs are \$15.40 Bl's at yards and plants, sows \$10 liveweight at yards, \$12.40 dressed. Spring lambs are \$14 to \$14.50.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, June 30th.—Trading has been active under light receipts with prices fully steady. Good to choice fed calves are \$11.75 to \$12.25; good to choice heavy steers \$12 to \$12.75; good to choice steers \$11.50 to \$12, common to medium \$9.50 to \$11.25; good to choice heifers \$10.50 to \$11.25, common to medium \$8.50 to \$10.25; good to choice light cows \$9 to \$10, heavy \$8.50 to \$9, common to medium \$7 to \$8.50. Canners and cutters are \$8 to \$9.25. Stocker and feeder steers are \$8 to \$11, cows \$8 down. Basic price for hog shipment is \$15.90, locals \$15.40, sows liveweight \$9.75, plants basic \$15.40 to \$15.50; sows dressed discounted \$3 per cwt. Feeders at yards are averaging \$11.75, choice light up to \$13. Good to choice handyweight lambs are \$12.75 to \$13.25, good light yearlings \$9 down and ewes \$7 down.

having increased during the past week by 1.6 million bushels. A year ago, the figure was 407 million bushels.

Deliveries of wheat by producers to country elevators, from August 1st, 1942, to June 28th, 1943, are 233,826,000 bushels of wheat (including durum), 102,426,000 bushels oats, 72,035,000 bushels of barley, 8,080,000 bushels of rye, and 11,013,000 bushels of flaxseed.

Shipments to the U.S.A. during the week included 770,441 bushels of oats, 232,208 bushels of barley and 2,633 bushels of rye.

The estate of the late Premier Aberhart was valued at \$44,655.

The Dairy Market

Prices remain unchanged at 32-3/4 at Montreal and Toronto. Local prices are 34 cents for first grade prints and 31 plus 8 cents subsidy for butterfat. Production continues to show a steady increase over last year.

The Vancouver price for butter, solids, is quoted at 32-7/8.

Wool Shipping Dates

Central Alberta Wool Growers' Association announces the following shipping dates: Wetaskiwin, July 5th; Red Deer, July 6th; Ponoka, July 7th; Lacombe, July 8th and 9th.

The estate of the late J. I. McFarland has been valued at \$775,469.

To assist in moving livestock feeds, the Federal Government has paid over \$15,000,000 since the free freight policy became effective in September, 1941.

Index of farm living costs rose from 119.9 last August to 121.3 in April, 1943, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports. Costs in the 1935-39 period are taken as 100.

Members of beef rings who are not farmers and do not themselves slaughter livestock can no longer retain their membership under meat rationing regulations.

Very few farmers in the Calgary district are applying for schoolboys to work for them, and the selective service will place them in whatever jobs are available, W. Harry Ross states.

Egg production in Alberta is falling behind the demand, increased as it is by the needs of workers on the Alaska highway, and of military and internment camps. Prices went up 3 cents in Calgary last week, and 2 cents in Edmonton.

All feathers and down from chickens, turkeys, geese and ducks, above 25 pounds, must be preserved, according to a new ruling of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Supplies of feathers and down are urgently needed for sleeping bags, pillows, etc., for the armed forces.

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Ridding Cows of Lice

W.B., Wainwright.—Please advise how to rid cows of lice.

Ans.—Use a strong mixture of creolin; apply with brush. Use two tablespoonfuls of creolin to a pint of water.

Cow Can't Get Up

S.M., Grande Prairie.—Eight-year-old cow, which has been fed fairly well all winter, went down and does not seem to be able to get up. What can I do for her?

Ans.—Give this cow the best of feed, such as grain and good hay. Also give some bone meal in her grain. Should be turned from side to side every 8 hours.

Rupture at Navel

M.C., Brooks.—I have a two-year-old colt that has a rupture at the navel. What can be done for it?

Ans.—You could have your veterinarian operate on this rupture.

Did Not Get with Calf

W.E., Stettler.—I have two cows which did not get with calf last year. Is there any treatment you would advise?

Ans.—Feed these cows well and allow access to a balanced mineral supplement.

Treatment for Blackleg

H.M.S., Red Deer.—Is there any treatment for Blackleg in cattle?

Ans.—There is no satisfactory treatment. Vaccination will prevent Blackleg.

Two Types of Supplements

Only two types of mineral supplements will now be produced in Canada, according to a recent order of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board; one will be for swine, the other for cattle, sheep and horses. As swine are fed largely on a grain ration low in calcium but relatively high in phosphorus, in the swine mineral the ratio of calcium to phosphorus must be not less than 8 to 1; and in the cattle mineral no more than 2-1/2 to 1.

Rice production in Ecuador, which has expanded rapidly during the past decade, reached the record figure of 5,697,000 bushels last year. Exports were chiefly to Cuba, Peru and Venezuela.

Prices set for hogs in Australia were disappointing to producers. The authorities express hope they will have a stabilizing effect. For first quality hogs, under 100 pounds the price is \$11.10 (U.S. currency); 101-150 pounds \$10.76; 151-180 pounds \$9.42.

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OTTAWA LETTER

(Continued from page 1)

labor problem and there have been hardships. Older people on the farms are working harder than ever before, many of them to the point of exhaustion. Some farmers have suffered from being unable to get adequate machinery. Then, too, there have been the irksome restrictions which farmers have been forced to endure. Even with less help the farms of Canada at the same time have produced record crops and have more livestock than ever before. "This record of achievement by our farmers, their wives, their children, and their hired men and women, will be read some day as one of the glorious chapters in our history."

Freezing Policy Adopted

The exodus from the farm to the military draft and war industry could not be allowed to continue without throwing the war effort out of balance. A year ago the Government took steps to protect farm labor supply by "freezing" men and women on the land. Since that time the effectiveness of this regulation has been increased. Under an amendment in March, 1942, to the selective service regulations, applications from farm workers for postponement of military training was granted "until further notice" unless the board receiving an application was convinced that the man was not essential to agriculture. The granting of postponement "until further notice" applies only to agricultural workers. Postponement in the case of other workers is for six months with possible extensions for a similar period.

Since March of last year, the Minister of Labor stated in the House, 96.3 per cent of applications from the farmers of the Province of Alberta were granted by the Board in that Province.

Features Summarized

Some of the features of the farm labor policies reviewed in the House by Mr. Mitchell were these: (1) The extension of co-operation with the Provinces, with farm organizations and with local agricultural committees. Farm labor agreements have been negotiated and completed with each Province. Local committees have been set up all over the country, and active farm labor programs are under way; (2) the farm labor policy provides for the payment of transportation of workers recruited for farm work so that they can be moved promptly where needed. Provision is made for the use of miscellaneous sources of farm help, such as high school and university students, conscientious objectors, prisoners of war, etc., recruiting of women and students is going on in practically all Provinces; (3) one of main objectives of compulsory transfer regulations which are becoming increasingly strict, is as much experienced help as possible for farmers. Instructions to this effect have been sent to the employment offices.

Study of Insect Pests

A study of the insect pests affecting oil crops—flax, sunflowers, Argentine rape, soybeans—is being made by the Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Brandon, which is anxious to secure all possible information on insects found on these crops. Growers are urged to be on the lookout, especially for the flea beetles (on rape) and the sunflower moth. Specimens and reports of infestations should be sent to Dr. Bird, at the Brandon Laboratory. Specimens of these crops affected by disease should be sent to the Dominion Laboratory of Plant Pathology, Edmonton.

In an article urging that farmers assist in the studies that are being made of these pests, Dr. K. W. Neatby, director of the agricultural department of the North-West Line Elevators Association, declares that hundred per cent health is as rare in plants as it is in men, practically every plant, wild or cultivated, being subject to fungus and insect attack.

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The infant mortality rate in England, so far this year, is the lowest on record.

Canadians will have \$6,650,000,000 to spend as individuals in 1943, it has been estimated by Donald Gordon, chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. This is \$400,000,000 more than the previous year; but there will be from \$300 to \$400,000,000 less of consumer goods and services for them to buy. This surplus spending power could lead to the development of black markets on a scale sufficient to destroy the price ceiling, Mr. Gordon declared. Saving was the remedy urged.

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MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

New York writer says a woman never argues with a fool. Then how do you account for the dear things quarreling with their husbands?

"Tried to End Life; Man Jailed"—headline in a Toronto paper. And we'll bet he still thinks life is a cell.

News item (passed by the censor) tells of a Prague woman who obtained a divorce because her husband spent all his spare time "biling and cooing with his pet pigeons". Apparently he had got tired of his little dove.

MUSICAL NOTE

Favorite song of the delegates to the recent convention of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool—"Alix, Where Art Thou?"

As any woman can tell you, getting in one the ground floor these days is not half so important as arriving on time in the bargain basement.

LETHBRIDGE NEWS

Our spy down at Lethbridge radio-grams to inform us that professor Jake Heffer, well known local inventor, has applied for a patent on a remarkable contraption that will positively save husbands from drowning when they get into hot water at home. Incidentally, after spending an evening at the Jolly Boys' Club, Professor Heffer is firmly convinced of the truth of that old adage: "Nothing succeeds like excess."

GOSH! WE AIN'T THAT SLOW

"May 30 last he put his arms around her and tried to kiss her," she said; "June 12 he succeeded."—From a San Francisco paper.

THE PIONEERS

Lo, when they plowed their furrows,
Lonely, in days of old,
Little they knew that the rows they cut
Were marks of the streets of gold.
Nor knew that the seed they scattered,
Was anything else but grain;
That city and town and hamlet
They were planting across the plain.
Nor knew they were building an empire
Over the trails they trod;
Nor recked that their plows were turning up
Vast wealth from the virgin sod.
But out of primeval forest
Theirs was the task to hew
Homes for the ones who loved them,
And for us whom they never knew.
Onward, aye, pressing onward,
Hope was their guiding star,
Creating the wealth they could never own
While pushing the frontiers far.
Could they, on the years which have vanished,
Just for a space look back,
Lo, they would find a mansion,
Where once was a prairie shack.
And we who now dwell in comfort
How shall we tribute pay
To those who with faith and courage
Braved the untrodden way?
Ah, with full hearts and thankful,
In a world that's beset with fears,
Praise God we still reap the harvest
Sown by the Pioneers.

Now that the C.A.D.P. has joined the Alberta Egg and Poultry Producers here's hoping that their efforts may be rewarded with something a little bit better than "chicken feed".

And speaking of poultry, do you remember what the little chick said to papa rooster when it found an orange in the nest box in place of the customary china egg? Nope? "Oh, papa, look at the orange mar, mar, lade."

We note that egg production in Canada, according to this great family journal, is now higher than ever before. We hasten to assure our readers that the hens on our poultry ranch can't be blamed for that.

As we see it, Hon. J. E. Brownlee notwithstanding, the real significance of the International Food Conference was to see that the people don't get "fed up" after the war as they were before it.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH?

The greatest coward is the man who is afraid of himself.

OUCH! OUCH!! OUCH!!!

Boy, quick! Gimme a sentence using the word stanza. Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, often stutters when asked for a kiss, but her boy friend understand.

WHY TEACHERS GET GREY

"Supersede is the kind described in all seed catalogues."

Fern of Fernie, who dropped in the other day, tells us she is quite prepared to believe that scientists have really succeeded in splitting the atom, but what she wants to know is, who got the split?

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played by the U.F.A. in the institution of the various co-operatives now in operation in the Province. He advocated the building up of reserves in times of large turnover. Congratulating the Pool, he spoke of the responsibility resting on members of co-operatives in shaping the economic life of Canada.

Tribute to the primary farm organization was paid by George Bennett, chairman of the Alberta Wheat Pool, who remarked that greatest support for that organization came from points which had long had active U.F.A. Locals.

George E. Church brought greetings from the Co-operative Milk Company, and W. L. Gilliland, local manager of the Imperial Bank expressed pleasure in the development of the Pool. The Pool, he stated, was fortunate in having in Mr. Toppenberg a manager who was devoted heart and soul to the success of the organization.

Deputy Minister Brings Greetings

Best wishes from the Minister of Trade and Industry, who is also the Premier, and from all the officers of the Department, were brought by W. D. King, Deputy Minister, who in a witty and informative address supported the suggestion of Mr. Gardiner that reserves should be built up against the exigencies of an uncertain future. Tracing the development of the Province from the days of early settlement, and of the first creameries, cheese factories and packing plants before the turn of the century, Mr. King spoke of Alberta's great natural resources and remarked that there is room here for a large population from many countries. It was a responsibility of the citizens, and of the co-operatives—and especially to the men now serving in the armed forces—to see that this great heritage be developed on sound lines.

D. H. MacCallum, Dairy Commissioner for the Province, was a guest of the Pool at the banquet.

An excellent series of films on wild life, prepared by Ducks Unlimited, was shown with commentary by W. C. Fisher, president of the Alberta Fish and Game Association.

"The Task of the Co-operatives in Post-War Relief and Reconstruction" is the title of a valuable new pamphlet issued in connection with the recent conference in Washington of the International Committee for Co-operative Reconstruction. It can be secured, at 15 cents a copy, from the D. C. Co-operative League, 2621 Virginia Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C.

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Brought Message to People of Canada



"Without Russia there can be no lasting peace," declared Joseph E. Davies, former U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union, in an address to the Canadian Soviet-Friendship Rally in Toronto last week. Mr. Davies had just returned from his most recent Mission to Moscow. "It is vital that Russia should trust us, and that the United Nations should trust Russia," he informed the cheering crowd. Here Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King is seen greeting Mr. and Mrs. Davies.

Time off for Luncheon in North Africa



During his recent visit to British and Allied forces in North Africa, King George saw the terrain of many recent battles, conferred honors upon officers and other ranks who had conducted themselves with marked distinction. He went aboard Allied ships of war, and had a short stay on battle-scarred island of Malta, G.C. Two visits were paid to the Eighth Army in Tripoli. In the picture he is seen eating from a U.S. mess tin at an informal lunch, with Generals Clark (face partly hidden), and Patton (right), and Sir James Grigg, British war secretary.

Eastern Waterfront Patrolled



Armed civilian defence watchers, "Les Guetteurs," now guard the shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Seen (right) is a colorful Gaspe fisherman, on the lookout for U-boats or possible saboteurs. Cap-



tain the Rev. James Leblanc, cure of Clorisdorme, (left), holds all that is left of the first German torpedo to hit Canadian soil. He is active in the defence system of our Eastern shores.